

AMENDMENTS

Claims 1, 3-8 and 10-12 are pending.

Claims 1, 3-4, 8 and 10-11 have been amended.

Claims 2 and 9 have been cancelled.

Claim 1 comprises the limitations of claims 3 and 4.

Further support for the amendments is found in the claims and specification, as originally filed. No new matter is believed to have been added.

REMARKS AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Claims 1, 8-9, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Watanabe et al., Chem. Abstract, 84(25), 529 (abstract 179728c) or Fujota et al. Chem. Abstract, 87(23), 570 (abstract 184046v). The rejections are traversed because the cited references do not describe or suggest fragrancng a composition by applying a compound of the formula 3,3-dimethyl-1-(4-methylcyclohex-3-enyl)-pent-4-en-1-one and/or a compound of the formula 1-(4-methylcyclohex-3-enyl)-3-propyl-pent-4-en-1-one.

Watanabe et al. and Fujota et al. independently describe producing cyclohexenyl alkenyl ketones by reacting methyl cyclohexenyl carboxylate with vinylmagnesium chloride to yield 1-(4-methyl-cyclohex-3-en-1-yl)-4-penten-1-one.

However, the cited references do not describe the compounds of the formula 3,3-dimethyl-1-(4-methylcyclohex-3-enyl)-pent-4-en-1-one and/or a compound of the formula 1-(4-methyl-cyclohex-3-enyl)-3-propyl-pent-4-en-1-one, or suggest modifying, e.g., other ketones, to obtain the claimed compounds.

Also, Watanabe et al. and Fujota et al. do not describe (a) fragrancng a composition by applying a compound of the formula 3,3-dimethyl-1-(4-methylcyclohex-3-enyl)-pent-4-

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en-1-one and/or 1-(4-methyl-cyclohex-3-enyl)-3-propyl-pent-4-en-1-one, and (b) adding a substance of present claim 12 to the claimed composition.

Thus, Watanabe et al. and/or Fujota et al. do not make the claimed method obvious.

Applicants request that the rejections be withdrawn.

A Notice of Allowance for all pending claims is requested.


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